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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KOLAR DISTRICT.

Dated, Kolar, the 8th January 1939.

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Dear Sir,

The District Congress Committee of Kolar have decided to hold what they call Ryots' Conferences in the following taluks on the dates mentioned against them:-

Chintamani	..	16-1-1939,
Sidlaghatta	..	18-1-1939,
K o l a r	..	21-1-1939,
Bagepalli	..	23-1-1939,
Gudibanda	..	25-1-1939,
M a l u r	..	30-1-1939,
Goribidnur	..	2-2-1939,
Bowringpet	..	4-2-1939,
Srinivaspur	..	9-2-1939,
Mulbagal	..	13-2-1939,
Chikballapur	..	15-2-1939.

As far as my information goes, the idea seems to be to make a list of major and minor wants of the taluks concerned and pass resolutions on them. They also intend, perhaps to feel their way as to how far they are likely to get donations for the proposed convention at Viduraswatha. As far as I have been able to learn, most of the leading ryots in the Taluks concerned are not agreeable to collect any funds for this -- expensive venture as it is given to understand that as much as 20 thousand rupees will be required for undertaking the convention on the plan programmed by the Central Working Committee. I feel certain that these people if allowed to go begging for subscriptions will incur very naturally unpopularity from the masses as the last seasonal conditions have been very disappointing and the ryots have no money to give. It seems to me also that the Congress people are banking on the resistance which Government may offer to these meetings so that they may have a cause for agitation. I have asked all the -- Amildars to frequently tour in hoblies and see that the -- Shanbhogs and Patels are made well aware of the intentions of these people and see that they do not give any support to --

these conferences if any way. The Anti-Drink Campaign which started with such a blare of trumpets in this District is showing signs of flagging out and the policy of non-interference by Government has had a very good effect. I also learn from the Police that the Taluk Congress Committee in Goribidnur has definitely split on the question of the utilisation of the subscriptions - raised. In regard to the ryots conferences on this occasion, I propose merely to watch what these people are doing in order to know exactly what their intentions -- are. I feel that they may not have the response which they expect to get as published by them in the Newspapers Vide announcement made regarding the Kolar District in the "Tai Naidu" of the 7th January 1939. As a matter of fact they have not been able to fix up even the Presidents of the Reception Committees according to the programme - laid down by them. If in the meantime or a little later a Member of Government or the Revenue Commissioner were to tour this District and hear the grievances of the ryots, I believe the few persons who may have been worked up to attend the Congress conferences will be dissuaded from attending them. At the same time Government will come into actual touch with the realities and the ryots will also come to know how earnest Government are to consider their grievances etc. I would therefore suggest a quiet counter-propaganda of the kind described above. In any case, any prohibitive action we have to take should be directed against well - selected individual organisers and speakers and not against the masses. But it is so difficult to touch these leaders as they make scape goats of misguided enthusiasts and - themselves keep in the background. The present law on the subject either under Sec.39 of the Mysore Police Act or Sec. 144 Cr.P.C. seems to be insufficient, to effectively deal with these organisers who never come to the fore-front.

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According to my present programme, I shall be in Chintamani on the 15-1-1939 and 16-1-1939 not only to watch what is going to happen but also to counteract as far as possible any mischievous propaganda. I request that the action which I propose to take as described above may kindly be approved by Government.

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
JAN 12 1939
No. 5603

Yours sincerely,

To

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
13 JAN. 1939
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Rajasevaprasakta
B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

P.S.

I may also mention in this connection that most of our Police force in this District including the Provincial Reserve Police men is away on Special duty just now for the Viceregal visit.

For perusal.

Dewan
1st member
2nd member

11.1.39

Let D.C. do what he can
& Commr. ad. Now
propaganda is gd.
Hi officers also
to be warned.
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some empiri non-officials.

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The Dy. Comr. Kolar

States that he may do what he considers best to counteract the propaganda & get the Min. officers under him to do the same with the aid of some respected non-officials.

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Dear mr Sundara Rao,

With reference to your D.O letter No. T.C. 942/38-39 dated 8th January 1939, regarding the ~~conducting~~ Ryots' conferences in proposed to be held by the Dt. congress committee, the Kolar Dt. I am desired to state that you may do what you consider best to counter-act the propaganda and get your officers under you also to do the same with the aid of some respected non-officials. ~~The activities of Revenging Taluq Congress~~

Yours sincerely

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17.1.39

G. Sundara Rao. Esq B.A.,
Dy Comr, Kolar

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT. 11

D. O. No.

Bangalore, Dated 17th January 1939.

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Dear Mr. Sundara Rao,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.T.C. 942/38-39 dated 8th January 1939. regarding the Ryots' Conferences in the Kolar District proposed to be held by the District Congress Committee, I am desired to state that you may do what you consider best to counter act the propaganda and get the other officers under you also to do the same with the aid of some respected Non-officials.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- B.T.Kesavaiengar.

G. Sundara Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

Memo No. 2327/ CS 17/1/39

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Chief Secretary to Government.